

November 16, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 16, 2017, 10:06 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of November 3, 2017, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-181
Oasis Midstream Services LLC
Wild Basin Gas Plant –
McKenzie County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a contract amendment with Bartlett & West, Inc. for construction inspection services in Oasis Midstream Services LLC, Wild Basin Gas Plant – McKenzie County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-181.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-383
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Cogeneration/Small Power Producer
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission suspend the rates filed in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Cogeneration/Small Power Producer, Rates, Case No. PU-17-383.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-601
Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC
150 MW Wind Energy Project –
Adams County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a contract amendment extending construction inspection contract number PU-687-13-EE for three years in Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC, 150 MW Wind Energy Project – Adams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-601.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-332
Northern States Power Company
115 kV Transmission Line –
Cass County
Public Convenience & Necessity

WITHDRAWN

Case No. PU-17-387
Northern States Power Company
150 MW Foxtail Wind Project –
Dickey County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, 150 MW Foxtail Wind Project - Dickey County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-387.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-268
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Advance Prudence - Thunder Spirit
Wind Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-17-269
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion Project
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-08-932
EDF Renewable Development, Inc.
Merricourt Wind Power Project
Siting Application

Case No. PU-17-302
Allete Clean Energy, Inc.
100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Pjc -
Mercer & Morton
Siting Application

Case No. PU-17-372
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence -
302.4 MW Dakota Range Wind
Application

ATTEST


Executive Secretary

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order granting an Advance Determination of Prudence and issuing First Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5870 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Advance Prudence - Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion, Application, Case No. PU-17-268 and Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion Project, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-17-269.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Second Amended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Second Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 23 in EDF Renewable Development, Inc., Merricourt Wind Power Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-08-932.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order issuing First Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 30 in ALLETE Clean Energy, Inc., 100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Project - Mercer & Morton Counties, Case No. PU-17-302.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.


Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain, effective October 24, 2017, Mitch Armstrong, Brian Schmidt, and Sarah Kuntz to assist the Commission as advocacy staff counsel in processing Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence, 302.4 MW Dakota Range Wind, Application, Case No. PU-17-372.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:33 A.M.


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN